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Message from Editor

This is the final Crop Progress and Condition Release for 2014. We will resume this report in March 2015. We would like to give special thanks to our Parish Agents and the Southern Regional Climate Center for their ongoing participation.

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 23, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 5.0 percent very short, 19 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 23 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 33.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Hammond to 43.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Jennings. Highs ranged from 54.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 66.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the state with an average of 4.30 inches.

Crop progress for week ending November 23, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, harvested	100	99	100	99
Pecans, harvested	68	49	65	69
Sugarcane, harvested	59	49	57	61
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	99	93	100	96
Winter Wheat, planted	88	77	93	-
Winter Wheat, emerged	74	59	78	62

Crop condition for week ending November 23, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	1	8	37	47	7
Pasture	2	18	37	38	5
Pecans	8	16	31	40	5
Sugarcane	2	10	31	39	18
Vegetables	1	16	37	41	5

Comments from Extension Agents

“Abundance of rain late this week. Very wet conditions. Should keep farmers out of fields for the week.”

– James ‘Jimmy’ Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Sugarcane harvest continues to go well and vegetable producers selling vegetables. Citrus producers are selling satsumas and beginning to sell navels. Quality is very good.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

“Rains in excess of three inches and subfreezing conditions were experienced. Damage to crops, livestock, pastures, and vegetables/fruits appears to be minimal. Though we may have dodged a bullet, plenty of sugarcane (approx. 40%) remains to be harvested and this type of weather will make grinding less efficient.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Second crop rice harvest was in full swing last week. Yields have been mixed, some very good some mediocre. Cattle ranchers are fertilizing ryegrass, planting ryegrass and in some cases have begun haying and feeding. Calf marketing is near complete. Sugarcane harvest has been fairly good with mostly drier conditions until late in the week.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“A couple of days below freezing has damaged the uppermost canopy of the sugarcane crop. At this point a yield loss is not expected. However, it will now be easier for subsequent freezes to penetrate and damage the sugarcane stalks. Crawfish farmers are putting out traps and the cooler weather this week seemed to lower catch yields. Cold sensitive fall vegetables left unprotected like tomatoes, peppers and snap beans were destroyed by cold temperatures.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 23, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Mooringsport	54.9	38.1	46.5	54.0	-7.5	3.62	4	2.55	6.39	2.06
Shreveport	56.0	37.1	46.6	53.5	-7.0	2.41	4	1.42	4.09	-0.65
Extreme/Average	55.5	37.6	46.5	53.7	-7.2	3.02	4	1.98	5.24	0.71
North Central										
Bienville	60.2	42.2	51.2	53.8	-2.7	1.60	3	0.47	3.56	-1.28
Calhoun	56.4	34.9	45.6	53.0	-7.4	1.11	3	-0.07	2.52	-2.05
Extreme/Average	58.3	38.5	48.4	53.4	-5.0	1.35	3	0.20	3.04	-1.67
Northeast										
Lake Providence	55.7	37.4	46.6	53.8	-7.2	2.14	2	0.85	3.11	0.68
St Joseph	60.1	38.9	49.5	56.3	-6.8	2.67	2	1.27	2.94	-1.71
Tallulah	59.1	38.6	48.9	55.0	-6.1	3.18	2	2.06	4.61	0.24
Extreme/Average	58.3	38.3	48.3	55.0	-6.7	2.66	2	1.39	3.55	-0.26
West Central										
Leesville	59.9	41.4	50.6	55.8	-5.1	2.70	4	1.35	6.01	0.76
Natchitoches	57.6	38.6	48.1	55.9	-7.8	2.00	4	0.82	3.17	-1.58
Extreme/Average	58.8	40.0	49.4	55.8	-6.5	2.35	4	1.08	4.59	-0.41
Central										
Bunkie	64.9	36.4	50.6	57.5	-6.8	2.80	2	1.50	2.95	-2.35
Eunice	62.7	40.6	51.6	59.6	-8.0	2.63	2	1.58	3.34	-1.35
Jonesville Locks	59.9	39.0	49.4	56.7	-7.3	2.63	3	1.20	2.80	-2.41
New Roads	63.4	41.1	52.3	59.0	-6.7	1.67	2	0.74	3.15	-0.83
Extreme/Average	62.7	39.3	51.0	58.2	-7.2	2.43	3	1.26	3.06	-1.74
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.27	1	-0.60	0.60	-3.58
Hammond	62.4	33.9	48.1	57.8	-9.7	2.78	2	1.77	2.94	-1.12
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.62	2	NA	2.98	NA
Slidell	61.9	40.4	51.1	NA	NA	2.03	2	NA	2.44	NA
Extreme/Average	62.1	37.1	49.6	57.8	-9.7	1.92	2	0.58	2.24	-2.35
Southwest										
Crowley	66.3	43.1	54.7	58.8	-4.1	3.42	2	2.34	6.56	1.96
DeRidder	62.2	38.8	50.5	57.5	-7.0	2.98	3	1.60	6.52	1.21
Jennings	63.1	43.9	53.5	59.3	-5.8	4.53	3	3.43	5.86	1.09
Oberlin Fire	62.0	40.4	51.2	58.2	-7.0	6.27	2	5.09	7.12	2.19
Extreme/Average	63.4	41.6	52.5	58.5	-6.0	4.30	3	3.12	6.51	1.61
South Central										
Donaldsonville	64.0	40.3	52.1	59.3	-7.2	2.22	2	1.24	2.36	-1.54
Jeanerette	64.8	41.6	53.2	59.9	-6.4	1.04	2	0.21	1.63	-2.10
Lafayette	64.8	42.7	53.8	59.0	-5.3	2.35	2	1.54	3.33	-0.74
Morgan City	65.3	41.3	53.3	61.0	-7.7	1.55	2	0.60	1.99	-1.51
Extreme/Average	64.7	41.5	53.1	59.8	-6.6	1.79	2	0.90	2.33	-1.47
Southeast										
Galliano	61.9	41.9	51.9	61.5	-9.7	0.69	2	-0.11	1.42	-1.63
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.45	2	0.45	1.66	-2.48
Extreme/Average	61.9	41.9	51.9	61.5	-9.7	1.07	2	0.17	1.54	-2.05
State	60.9	39.6	50.3	57.3	-7.2	2.38	2	1.24	3.61	-0.85

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.